



# GFS Knowledge Badge

## Members

This workbook belongs to:

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Who is a member of this branch:

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Date (Year):

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*This workbook has been  
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Branch Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# GFS Knowledge Badge

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## Members (11-15 years)

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1. What is the GFS motto and what does it mean?
2. Know the GFS prayer.
3. Know the GFS promise for your section.
4. Record the GFS mission statement in your workbook.
5. Explain how the message of your section's hymn 'Jesus calls us o'er the tumult' applies to GFS.
6. Know the names of our missions and mission partners, where they are based and what they do.
7. Know where and when GFS started, who founded it and what year it came to Ireland and record how many years it has been active in Ireland to date.
8. Who is your Diocesan President?
9. Name some other branches within your diocese.
10. Who is your Central President?
11. Who is your World President?
12. GFS World Council has been hosted by Ireland on three occasions. Record the dates and name the World President in office at these times.
13. Know a little about the current World Project that GFS supports.
14. Name 10 countries where GFS is active at present, include Ireland's linked countries.
15. Show how the GFS organisation is structured.

**Aim:** The aim of this badge is to help you to develop and increase your knowledge and awareness of the origins, structure, purpose and work of the Girls Friendly Society (GFS).

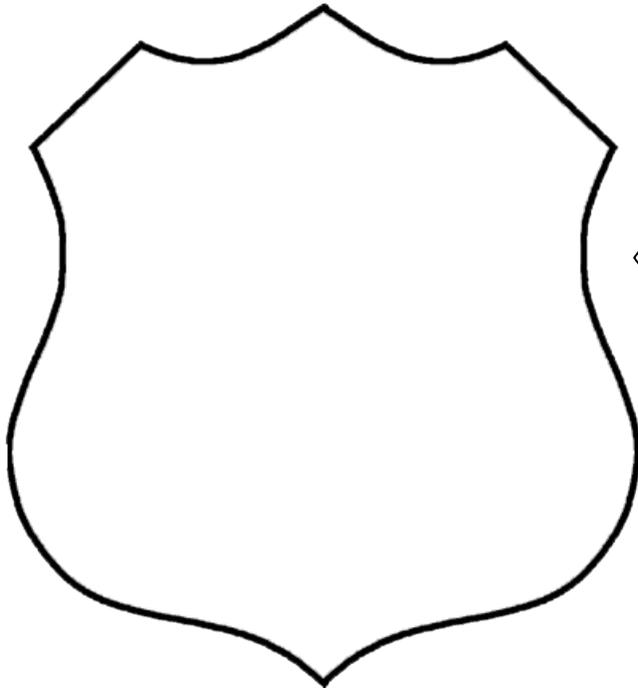
**Objectives:** To provide information on GFS, its structures and its functions.



# GFS Motto

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A motto is a short expression about a guiding rule or belief about how you should behave.



Write out the GFS motto.



In your own words,  
explain what the motto  
means to you.

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Write out your own personal motto:



## GFS Prayer

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O God our Father, we beseech thee to  
bless us and all who belong to the  
Girls Friendly Society.

Help us to bear one another's burdens, to  
live not for ourselves but for others, as  
members of one family in Jesus Christ;

Cleanse us from our sins, make us pure  
and holy by the indwelling of thy spirit,  
and bring us all the joy of thy heavenly  
kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let's take a closer look at the GFS prayer; on the following pages it has been broken up into four parts to make it a little easier. Read each part and then write, in your own words, what the part of the prayer means to you. If there are words in the prayer you're not sure of, ask your leader.



## Part 1

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O God our Father, we beseech thee to bless us and all who belong to the Girls' Friendly Society.

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## Part 2

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Help us to bear one another's burdens, to live not for ourselves but for others, as members of one family in Jesus Christ;

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## Part 3

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Cleanse us from our sins; make us pure and holy by the indwelling of thy spirit

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## Part 4

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And bring us all to the joy of thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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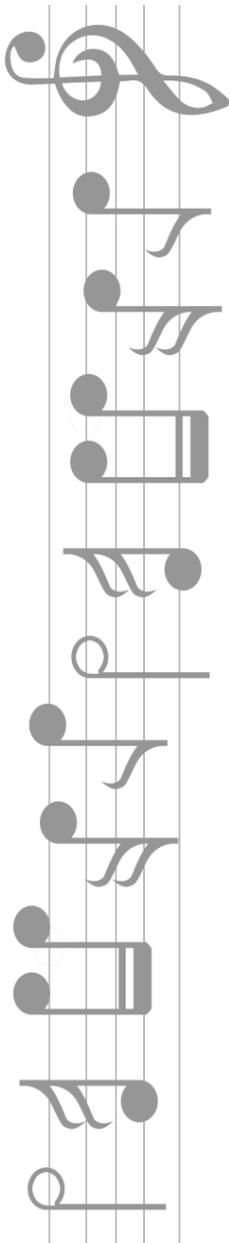




# Members Hymn

## Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

'Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult' is the Members' section hymn. Learn this hymn and sing it with your group.



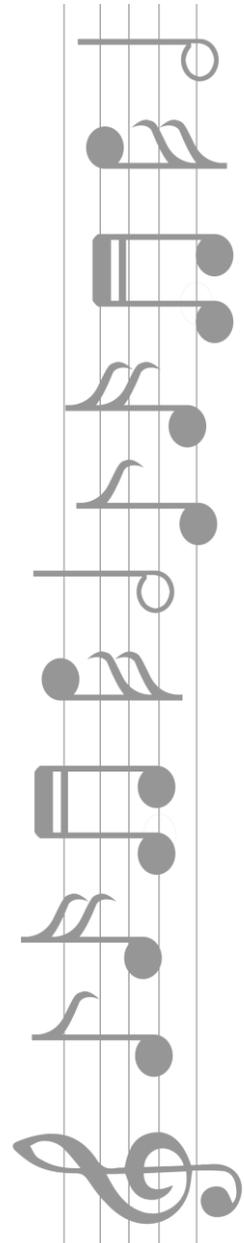
Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his voice is sounding  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old, apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By your mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear your call,  
give to you our hearts obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.



Cecil Frances (Fanny) Alexander  
(1818-1895) altd.



# Missions and Mission Partners

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Create a scrapbook page that records each of our mission partners' names, where they are based and the work they do.

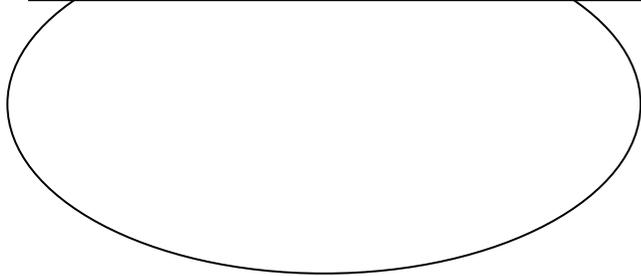
A large, empty, rounded rectangular frame with a double-line blue border, intended for a student to create a scrapbook page. The frame is centered on the page and occupies most of the lower two-thirds of the page.



# GFS History

GFS has been around for a long time. Read about our history and fill in the pop-outs below.

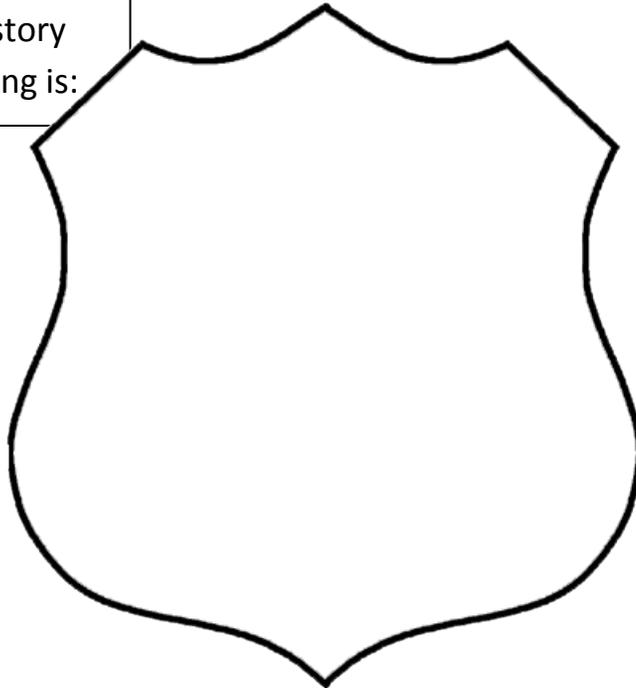
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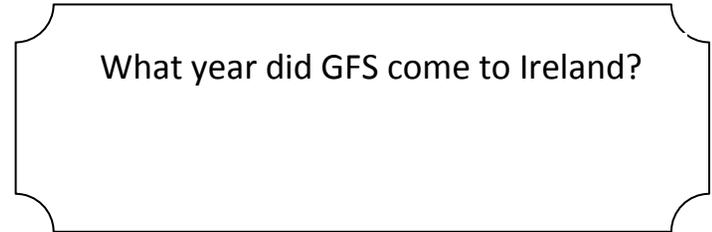
**When and where did GFS start?**

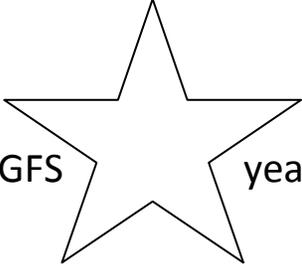


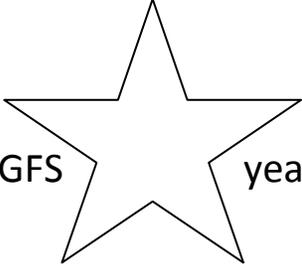
Something in GFS history  
that I found interesting is:



What year did GFS come to Ireland?



I've been in GFS  years!





# My GFS

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Some branches within  
my diocese are:

My branch leaders are:

My Diocesan President is:

My Central President is:

My World President is:





## GFS in the World

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The GFS World Council meets every three years and has been hosted in Ireland on three separate occasions. However, it is felt that three years is a quite a long time between World Councils and that it is very hard to keep up to date with what is happening in all the other GFS countries around the world. So an idea of 'Linked Countries' was created.

A group of linked countries is made up of 'older' GFS member countries and other 'newer' GFS member countries. Ireland is one of the older members in its linked group.

These countries exchange correspondence within the link and thus receive support and encouragement from the other members of their linked group. The groups all contain GFS country members that have different social and economic backgrounds. Each GFS country may face its own unique problems, but there are numerous problems that all GFS member countries face and so they can help each other within the link.

Part of the work done at World Council is to decide upon a "World Project". A list of potential projects is discussed followed by a vote to select a project for the next three years. Each GFS country then encourages its members to support the project prayerfully and financially.





# GFS in the World

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The World Council has been hosted in Ireland on 3 separate occasions. Record the dates and names of the World Presidents for each of these occasions.

World Council in Ireland	
Date:	
World President:	

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World Council in Ireland	
Date:	
World President:	

Answer the following pop-out questions.

Where is the current World Project taking place?

What is the current World Project?

Why is this World Project important?



# GFS in the World

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1. Name 10 countries where GFS is active at present.

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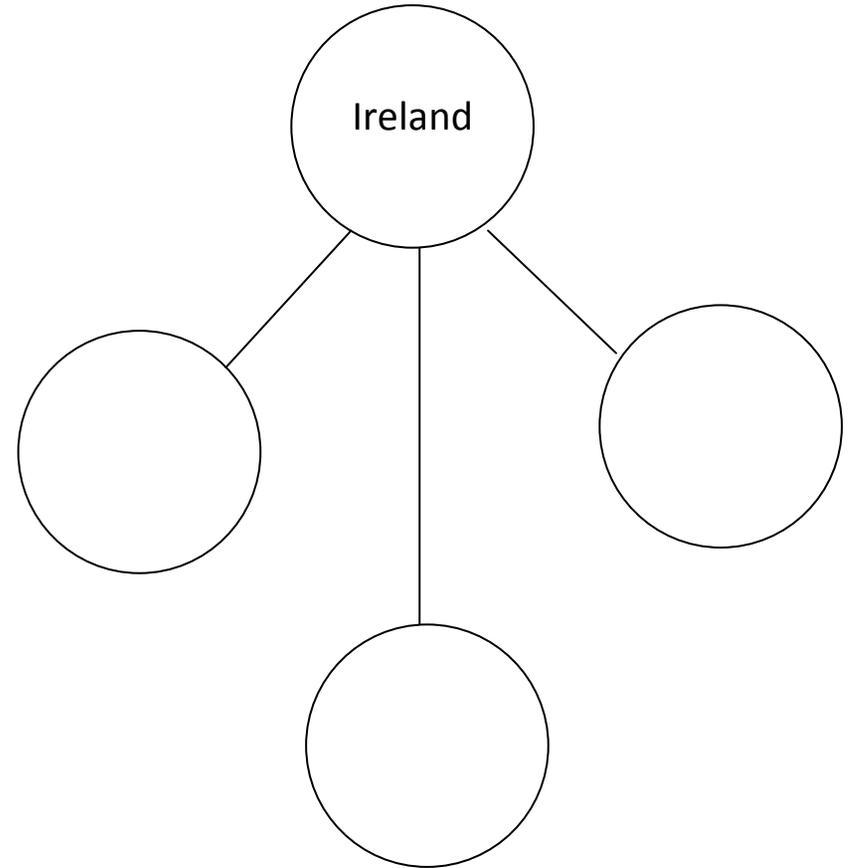
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2.

Name Ireland's three linked countries.





# GFS Structure

Using the diagram below, show how the GFS organisation is structured in Ireland.

Fill in the larger boxes in the diagram with the following:

- Central Council
- Your Diocesan Council's name
- Your Branch's name
- Your Section's name
- Your name

Now, complete the diagram with the following:

- The names of the other sections that can be in a branch. Where do your branch leaders fit into the diagram?
- The names of the other Diocesan Councils within Ireland.
- The names of the other branches within your diocese; add additional boxes if required.

